(b) The measures taken to effectively deal with the crime against women include streamlining the functioning of Crime against Women Cell; deployment of police personnel at the girls/women institutions to instill sense of security; installation of Women Help Line at the Police Control Room; imparting training to police personnel to sensitize them about problems faced by women; and setting up of Rape Crisis Intervention Centre in each police district.

Tenant verification drive in Delhi

*342. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Statesman dated 6th January, 2002, under the heading 'Tenant verification drive providing bountiful for cops';

(b) what action Government have taken against the police officials for harassing the innocent persons; and

(c) what is the number of cases registered against the landlords in Delhi during the said drive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The inquiry made by Delhi Police did not establish the allegations contained in the news report. The staff of Paharganj Police Station (including Shri Govind Ram, Head Constable, posted at Police Post Sangtarashan) was shown to Shri S. N. Mishra but he failed to identify any of them to be the person who allegedly demanded a bribe from him. The inquiry further revealed that the report that Shri Mishra had come to Delhi in connection with the medical treatment of his wife was also not correct as he had been residing at the stated premises in Delhi for the last 3-4 years as a tenant. A clarificatory letter issued by Delhi Police in the matter was

published in "The Statesman" in its issue dated the 7th February, 2002 and the editor of the newspaper also conceded that the reporter had erred in not cross-checking the version he got from Shri S. N. Mishra.

Delhi Police have also not received any complaint from any resident of Batla House regarding harassment in connection with tenant verification.

(c) The number of persons prosecuted during the last three years is as follows:

1999 — 205
2000 — 226
2001 — 1034

Human rights violation in jails

*343. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of human rights violations in various jails in the country are increasing day by day;

(b) if so, what are the total number of cases reported in various States/UTs of human rights violations; and

(c) what action Central Government have taken to punish officials responsible for serious human rights violations in police stations and jails throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A statement showing State-wise details of cases of alleged human rights violation in various jails received by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from 1.4.99 to 25.2.2002 (year-wise) is given in the Statement which is self-explanatory (*See* below).

(c) The NHRC has from time to time advised the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to curb the occurrence of custodial deaths and also for improving the conditions in jails. As far as deaths in judicial/police custody are concerned, the Commission has issued